



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6386**

LCO No. 2254



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
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**AN ACT SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS, HEALTH, FINANCES AND  
QUALITY OF LIFE OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

- 1 That titles 17b and 19a of the general statutes be amended to
- 2 safeguard the rights, health, finances and quality of life of nursing home
- 3 residents by (1) requiring the Department of Social Services to make
- 4 eligibility determinations for nursing home residents who have applied
- 5 for medical assistance not later than forty-five days after the department
- 6 receives the application, provided such application is complete; (2)
- 7 requiring the department to notify a nursing home resident, or such
- 8 resident's authorized representative, in writing, not later than fifteen
- 9 calendar days after a decision is made on such resident's eligibility; (3)
- 10 prohibiting a nursing home from taking legal action to secure funds or
- 11 property from such resident until a Medicaid eligibility determination
- 12 is made; and (4) increasing penalties for nursing homes that fail to meet
- 13 minimum staffing levels or misuse state-administered funding intended
- 14 for staff on other expenses.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To ensure the rights of families in engaging with nursing homes regarding care of loved ones.